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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No. 2934
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Daniel REIS et al.)	Art Unit: 3772
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Appln. No.: 10/797,278)	Examiner: Michael A. Brown
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Filed: March 10, 2004)	Washington, D.C.
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SUPPORTING INFLATABLE...)	

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

Submitted herewith, to complete the record, is a
summary of the substance of an interview held with the
Examiner on August 7, 2009.

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A personal interview was held with examiner Michael Brown on August 7, 2009.

Although an agreement to allow the application was not reached, Counsel clarified certain matters and the examiner agreed to examine claims 5 and 6. At the conclusion of the interview, the examiner advised that he will be issuing a new nonfinal action treating claims 5 and 6.

One issue raised by the examiner, which he had not raised previously, relates to the clarity of the disclosure, and illustration, of the inflatable tubes and the non-inflatable portion, particularly with regard to the embodiment of Figures 1-3. Specifically, the inflatable tubes that are described and claimed are constituted, in fact, by a continuous inflatable region and the noninflatable portion is not identified by a reference numeral. The examiner thus had some question as to what constitutes the inflatable tubes. In response, counsel directed attention to the location of the connection of the gas pressure device in Figure 1 and pointed out that the inflatable region has separated portions that constitute the tubes and that Figures 4-7 provide a clear identification of the parts a-d forming the inflatable tubes and of the regions constituting the non-inflatable portion.

The examiner indicated that applicant need not file any further response until he issues his new action.

Respectfully submitted,

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